

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YUMIKO HIDAKA ET AL.) Examiner: L. Sealey
Divisional of) Group Art Unit: 2772
Application No.: 08/724,481)
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For: AN IMAGE PROCESSING)
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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line 8, after "years," insert --it has become known
that-- and after "problems" insert --exist--;

line 10, change "of every" to --for each--;

line 11, after "used" insert ---- and delete "because
of";

line 12, before "a spread" insert --This is due to--;

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